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# Office Action Summary

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Longbit Chai

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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 February 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

1. No claim for priority has been made in this application.
2. The effective filing date for the subject matter defined in the pending claims in this application is 2/12/2001.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gimbert (Publication Number: US 2002/0116620 A1), hereinafter referred to as Gimbert.
4. As per claim 1, 6, 11 and 15, Gimbert teaches a method in for transferring a digital document, comprising the steps of:
  - a. mapping from a number of destination addresses to a respective number of security identifiers via a directory server (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0016] Line 10 – 20);

b. adding a number of access privileges to the digital document in a computer system via a network using the security identifiers (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0019] Line 3 – 5);

5. Gimbert teaches providing hypertext links to the document (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0023] Line 8 – 10).

6. Gimbert does not disclose expressly posting the digital document on a server accessible via the network.

7. However, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify providing hypertext links to the document to accommodate posting the digital document on a server accessible via the network because hypertext links requires web server networking environment.

8. Therefore, Gimbert as modified teaches:

c. posting the digital document on a server accessible via the network (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0023] Line 8 – 10).

9. As per claim 2, Gimbert as modified teaches the claimed invention as described above (see claim 1). Gimbert as modified further teaches:

a. generating a number of email messages in the computer system to be transmitted to the number of destination addresses, respectively (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0016] Line 2 – 10);

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b. associating a uniform resource locator of the digital document on the network with each of the email messages (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0016] Line 9 – 10); and

c. transmitting the email messages to the respective destination addresses on the network (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0022] Line 34 – 35).

10. As per claims 3, 8, 13 and 17, Gimbert as modified teaches the claimed invention as described above (see claim 1, 6, 11 and 15 respectively). Gimbert as modified further teaches mapping from the number of destination addresses to the respective number of security identifiers via the directory server further comprises the step of transmitting each of the destination addresses to the directory server along with a request for the security identifier associated therewith (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0016] Line 14 – 20).

11. As per claims 4, 9, 14 and 18, Gimbert as modified teaches the claimed invention as described above (see claim 1, 8, 13 and 17 respectively). Gimbert as modified further teaches adding the number of access privileges to the digital document in a computer system via the network using the security identifiers further comprises the step of listing the security identifiers received from the directory server in an access control list associated with the digital document (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0016] Line 10 – 13).

12. As per claims 5 and 10, Gimbert as modified teaches the claimed invention as described above (see claim 4 and 9 respectively). Gimbert as modified further teaches

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authenticating a client device attempting to access the digital document via the network (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0021] Line 10 – 16).

13. As per claims 7, 12 and 16, Gimbert as modified teaches the claimed invention as described above (see claim 6, 11 and 15 respectively). Gimbert as modified further teaches the digital sender service further comprises logic to generate and transmit a number of email messages to a corresponding number of destination addresses on the network, wherein each of the email messages includes a uniform resource locator of the digital document on the network (Gimbert: see for example, Paragraph [0023] Line 3 – 10).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 703-305-0710. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 703-305-9648. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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